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*The Genius of the Common Law.* By Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart., D. C. L., LL.D., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister at Law; Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. New York. The Columbia University Press. 1912. pp. vii, 141.

These eight lectures, recently delivered at Columbia University, trace, in a charming atmosphere of allegory, the vicissitudes, perils and successes of "our lady the Common Law." With an eminently distinguished master at the helm, the reader is shown the beginnings, the growth, and the present *status* of the common law. Minuteness of detail is not attempted. But Sir Frederick Pollock has illumined his subject and brought out its salient points in a way such as is possible only by one of his learning and experience.

This book merits thoughtful study and consideration. The common law, a living law possessed of large powers of assimilation and of adaptability, has well proven herself. Archaic formalism has been successfully attacked by simplification. Medieval lawlessness has been conquered. Modern conditions and economic changes are being met and an adjustment brought about. So well has she thus far performed the task, that this work is a most gracious and not undeserved eulogy of "our lady the Common Law." "Her justice is fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners."

H. C. C.

*The Law of Interstate Commerce.* By Franklin N. Judson, of the St. Louis Bar. Second Edition. T. H. Flood & Co. Chicago.. 1912. pp. xxiv, 805.

Mr. Judson, by this second edition, revises and supplements his work of 1905 and 1906. His purpose is to present in compact form the law of interstate commerce. Part I gives a general survey of the law as declared by the courts since the Constitution, and as enacted by Congress and applied by the Interstate Commerce Commission since 1887, including such vital subjects as the Federal power of regulation of labor and of railroads. Part II takes up the Interstate Commerce Act section by section, giving a most valuable interpretation of the act. The Anti-Trust Act of 1890 is similarly treated, and the purport of the Elkins Act, the

Expedition Act, and the Department of Commerce and Labor is briefly sketched. Part III deals with the Safety Act, the Employers' Liability Act, the Hours of Service Act, and the Live Stock Transportation Act, while the Appendix gives the text of several other acts intimately connected with the subject, and increases the practical value of the book by including the rules of practice and procedure of the Commission.

The important subject of railroad rates is most fully treated. On the whole, we have here brought together in one volume in the careful and thorough manner characteristic of Mr. Judson, all the important law of interstate commerce, especially of the last twenty-five years, the period of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Any lawyer having occasion to look up the subject from the standpoint of further legislation or an actual case under the law will find his work substantially outlined for him by this book.

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